

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'
MILLENNIAL STAR

ESTABLISHED IN 1840

“Yea, humble yourselves even as the people in the days of Melchizedek, who was also a high priest after this same order which I have spoken, who also took upon him the high priesthood forever. And it was this same Melchizedek to whom Abraham paid tithes; yea, even our father Abraham paid tithes of one-tenth part of all he possessed.” BOOK OF MORMON, ALMA 13: 14, 15.

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KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS HONESTLY*

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I REJOICE in the opportunity of again meeting with the Saints in general conference. I am grateful for the blessings that we as a people have enjoyed during the past six months.

As is customary, we announce in our opening meeting some of the changes that have taken place during this period.

Changes in stake and mission officers since last April conference.

New stakes organized:

Moroni Stake, formerly a part of North Sanpete Stake; James L. Nielson appointed president of the new stake.

Sharon Stake, formerly a part of Utah Stake; Arthur V. Watkins appointed president of the new stake.

Stake presidents appointed:

A. Richard Peterson has been appointed president of the Emery Stake to succeed Lars P. Ovesen.

Wilford A. Beesley has been appointed president of the Salt Lake Stake to succeed Nephi L. Morris.

Ralph B. Keeler has been appointed president of the Juarez Stake, to succeed Joseph C. Bentley.

Joseph T. Finlinson has been appointed president of the Deseret Stake, to succeed Alonzo A. Hinckley.

*Address delivered at the first session of the One Hundredth Semi-annual Conference, October 4th, 1929, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

New mission presidents :

John G. Allred has been released as president of the North Central States Mission, and Arthur Welling appointed to succeed him.

Hyrum W. Valentine has been released as president of the German-Austrian Mission, and Edward P. Kimball appointed to succeed him.

John P. Lillywhite has been released as president of the Netherlands Mission, and Frank J. Kooyman appointed to succeed him.

Joseph L. Petersen has been released as president of the Danish Mission, and Holger M. Larsen appointed to succeed him.

New wards organized :

Spanish Fork Fifth Ward, Palmyra Stake.

Diamond City Ward, Lethbridge Stake.

STAKE PRESIDENT DIES

Stake President who has passed away :

Since our last conference President Fred A. Caine of the Idaho Falls Stake has passed away. It fell to my lot to labour for three years with Brother Caine in the Japan mission, and to be intimately acquainted with him from then until the time of his death. I wish to bear witness that it has not been my privilege to ever be associated with a more sincere, God-fearing, capable, faithful man than was Brother Fred A. Caine.

Bishop who has passed away :

Ehmer H. Johnson, Alterra Ward, Roosevelt Stake.

At the present time we have: Stakes, 103; Wards, 933; Independent branches 70. Total, 1,106.

Independent branches are presided over by a president and two counselors and are practically, to all intents and purposes, wards; they are not, however, considered quite large enough to be regularly organized as such.

There are also at the present time :

Dependent branches, 41; Missions, 28; Branches in Missions, 783. Making in round numbers nearly 2,000 organizations in the Church.

APPROPRIATIONS INCREASE

The new appropriations made to the stakes and wards for the building of meeting houses during the first nine months of last year amounted to \$868,125.00, and this year, for the same period they amount to \$886,780.00.

As you perhaps all know, we have erected a building on the corner opposite this block, on the southwest, on some of the vacant land that has been held by the Church for many years. We feel the necessity of having a building where many of our Saints who come here, from Canada to Mexico and from the various missions, can secure accommodations at a more reasonable rate than at the

splendid hotel which we erected many years ago, facing this building across the street to the east.

It is only fair to say to the people that we have not utilized any of the means in the nature of tithing that have come into the hands of the Presidency of the Church for the erection of this building. Not only has all of the money that has been paid as tithes during the last nine months been returned to the Stakes of Zion, but even more has been appropriated to them. We have disposed of property and securities that the Church was in possession of, in order to erect this building for the accommodation principally of our people. The drafts upon the Church have been far greater during the last nine months than during any similar period while I have presided over the Church.

TITHE PAYING LAGS

I regret to say that there are a great many of the people who are not paying their tithing. To me it is a marvel that any man having a testimony of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged as Latter-day Saints can sing lullabies to his conscience, figuratively speaking, and not be absolutely honest with the Lord in the payment of his tithes.

Tithing is a law of God and the payment of tithes brings peace and joy to the Latter-day Saint who does it. There is a satisfaction that comes into the heart of the man who is absolutely honest with the Lord in contributing of his means to the building up of the Church of Christ, and into the heart of every true, full tithe-payer. Each and every blessing that you and I enjoy comes from God. We are under obligations to Him for the very breath of life, and He gives us everything that we have. He asks us to show our appreciation and acknowledge to Him His goodness by returning to the Church for its benefit and for the spreading of the Gospel at home and abroad one-tenth of that which we receive, all of which comes from Him.

BE HONEST WITH THE LORD

Again I say it is beyond my comprehension how any man who is absolutely honest in his dealings with his fellow men and would not think of such a thing as compromising his store bill if he were able to pay, would compromise his obligations to God. I can speak upon the payment of tithing because from my childhood every dollar that has come into my hands has been tithed, and I have endeavored in addition to be as liberal as any of my associates have been in contributing for the various public enterprises that have been required of us—the erection of ward houses, school houses, etc., etc.

I appeal to the Latter-day Saints to be honest with the Lord; and I promise them that peace, prosperity and financial success will attend those who are honest with our Heavenly Father,

because they are fulfilling the law and an obligation, and He will bless them for doing so. And being strictly honest with the Lord is the most splendid way to teach your children faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The most tender portion of the human anatomy of the male variety of the species, it has been said, is the pocket, and there is something to it. When we set our hearts upon the things of this world and fail to be strictly honest with the Lord we do not grow in the light and power and strength of the Gospel as we otherwise would do.

RECENT DEDICATIONS

It has fallen to my lot during the past year, in April, to be present and assist in the dedication of the new Hollywood Stake and Wilshire Ward building. It is one of the very finest buildings that we have ever erected in any of the Stakes of Zion for stake and ward purposes, and I am sure it will give us a very splendid standing in that section of the country. I rejoice in the beauty of the building and in the surroundings, as well as in the great accomplishment there.

In May, I had the pleasure of dedicating the Diamond Ward chapel. The Diamond Ward is in the San Francisco Stake of Zion. Their chapel is a very beautiful one and a great credit to the people of that ward. I was astonished that so small a ward could build such a splendid building.

Also in May of this year I went to Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, with members of my family, where I attended services in connection with the placing of a marker by the daughters of the American Revolution at the grave of Rebecca Winters. Rebecca Winters died while crossing the plains, and some fifty years later the Burlington Railroad, in surveying on the north side of the Platte river, came to a broken wagon tire upon which was chiseled: "Rebecca Winters, aged fifty years."

They very kindly made a detour so as to miss the grave, and the Burlington Railroad Company has since erected a fence around the grave and kept the ground in the enclosure in very nice condition, having put down a well for the express purpose of securing water with which to water that grass.

It has been my privilege and that of my wife and some other members of our family, to visit that spot upon three different occasions. On this last occasion the Burlington railroad carried ten carloads of people from Scott's Bluff to the grave, which is a mile or two distant from that city. Rebecca Winters was the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, and in Utah, Idaho and this intermountain country she has nearly six hundred descendants.

In June, I dedicated the Los Angeles Stake building at Huntington Park. The chapel and amusement hall are a very splendid and remarkable structure and a very great credit to the people. I rejoice that we have it. The accommodations are very fine

indeed, equal I think to any of our stake houses. The building is not quite so expensive as the one in Hollywood, but it is equally as commodious and a very splendid structure.

In company with President Ivins I was present at the dedication of the bridge across the Colorado river, which will join Utah and Arizona more closely in the future than it has been possible for them to be joined in the past. Formerly it required travel of nearly a thousand miles to get around from the north rim of the Grand Canyon to the county seat, in order to pay your taxes if you wanted to do so in person, in case you owned property in what is known as the Arizona strip on the north rim of the canyon. I can only hope that Arizona will build a good road to the bridge and from the bridge to the Utah line, something that is very greatly lacking at the present time. It is about the worst piece of road from the Utah line to the bridge that it has fallen to my lot for many years to ride over.

A WORTHY STRUGGLE

I have had the pleasure of attending some ward meetings and also some stake conferences during the past six months.

In June I had the privilege of dedicating a fine ward house in Jerome, Idaho. The people there have had a great struggle through many years in constructing this building. It was rather beyond the capacity of the small ward, but the people have done themselves credit, and I rejoice that the work is finally completed and the building dedicated.

In July I visited the Elwood Ward in Bear River Stake, and dedicated a small chapel there, which is a very creditable structure. They have placed pressed bricks around their old ward meeting house and turned it into an amusement hall, and it looks as fine as though it were an expensive building. The amusement hall and chapel are very creditable, and I congratulate the people on having them.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Elmhurst Ward in the San Francisco Stake. I expected to be at the dedication of their new building, but was unable to do so on account of sickness in my family.

In the past six months I have attended a meeting in the San Jose Branch of the California Mission. We have a very good chapel at San Jose.

In September I visited Pittsburgh with President James H. Moyle of the Eastern States Mission and there dedicated a fine little chapel, which is a very suitable structure for our purposes.

During the past two weeks I have had the pleasure of speaking in the Sacramento Branch of the California Mission, and also in the Long Beach Ward of Los Angeles Stake. When I was in Sacramento a few years ago we had only two hundred members of the Church there. To-day we have over twelve hundred mem-

bers in that city, and also a great increase in the number of Latter-day Saints in Long Beach.

The work of the Lord is progressing satisfactorily. I am pleased to tell you that from all of the various missions we are receiving calls for more help. The reports that we receive are favourable and the calls for additional missionaries, I believe, comes from every mission that we have. There are something over two thousand of our young men and women out in the world at the present time preaching the Gospel. The work of the Lord is spreading, and we are grateful for His blessings that are attending our labours.

In thinking of what I would like to say to-day I was reminded of the fact that probably twice if not three times during the past six months in speaking I have quoted the eleventh section of the Doctrine and Covenants. I know of no finer section, it being a revelation to the father of our beloved President Joseph F. Smith. Not only is it a revelation to Hyrum Smith, the Patriarch, but the remarks therein, as the revelation says, are applicable to all the Saints who have the right spirit and desire to spread the Gospel. This revelation was given eleven months before the organization of the Church.

“KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS”

When the Prophet Joseph was engaged in translating the Book of Mormon there were a great many leading influential men who came to him and asked what the Lord would like them to do. He inquired of the Lord, through the Urim and Thummim, and many revelations were received, telling of the great and marvelous work that was about to come forth, and this is one of them. Many of the men desired to go forth and preach, but you will find that the Lord tells them to wait.

A great and marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men.

Behold, I am God; give heed to my word, which is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow; therefore give heed unto my word.

Behold, the field is white already to harvest; therefore, whoso desireth to reap let him thrust in his sickle with his might, and reap while the day lasts, that he may treasure up for his soul everlasting salvation in the kingdom of God.

Yea, whosoever will thrust in his sickle and reap, the same is called of God.

Therefore, if you will ask of me you shall receive; if you will knock it shall be opened unto you.

Now, as you have asked, behold, I say unto you, keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion.

I have heard a great deal of criticism in my life about our

repeating over and over again the many things that the Lord has revealed to us, and appealing to the people to keep the commandments of the Lord. And yet we find that the Lord in this revelation repeats this declaration time and time again: "Keep my commandments."

Seek not for riches but for wisdom: and behold, the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you, and then shall you be made rich. Behold, he that hath eternal life is rich.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, even as you desire of me so it shall be done unto you; and, if you desire, you shall be the means of doing much good in this generation.

LET THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAD

And every Latter-day Saint ought to have a desire in his or her heart to do all the good within his or her power for the advancement of the word of God.

Say nothing but repentance unto this generation. Keep my commandments and assist to bring forth my work, according to my commandments, and you shall be blessed.

Behold, thou hast a gift, or thou shalt have a gift if thou wilt desire of me in faith, with an honest heart, believing in the power of Jesus Christ, or in my power which speaketh unto thee;

For, behold, it is I that speak; behold, I am the light which shineth in darkness, and by my power I give these words unto thee.

And now, verily, verily, I say unto thee, put your trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good—yea, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously; and this is my Spirit.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy;

And then shall ye know, or by this shall you know; all things whatsoever you desire of me, which are pertaining unto things of righteousness, in faith believing in me that you shall receive.

Behold, I command you that you need not suppose that you are called to preach until ye are called.

Wait a little longer, until you shall have my word, my rock, my church, and my gospel, that you may know of a surety my doctrine.

And then, behold, according to your desires, yea, even according to your faith it shall be done unto you.

Keep my commandments; hold your peace; appeal unto my Spirit;

Yea, cleave unto me with all your heart, that you may assist in bringing to light those things of which has been spoken—yea, the translation of my work; be patient until you shall accomplish it.

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"If thou lovest me. . . thou wilt remember the poor, and consecrate of thy properties for their support that which thou hast to impart unto them, with a covenant and a deed which cannot be broken." DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 42: 29-30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1929

EDITORIAL

MEMBERS AS MISSIONARIES

THE GOSPEL is for the whole human family. All must hear it, here or hereafter, through the instrumentality of the Church of Jesus Christ. Every member of the Church shares in this obligation.

Fortunately, the missionary spirit seizes upon every true Latter-day Saint as he emerges from the waters of baptism. At once he becomes filled with a desire to share the warm joy of the new-found truth with his neighbour. The more faithfully he observes divine law, the stronger this impulse becomes. Whoever guides another, by truthful teachings and good example, into acceptance of the Gospel, wins keen happiness for himself.

How many members of the Church, always eager to assist in the upbuilding of the latter-day kingdom of the Lord, give expression to this strong desire for missionary service? That is a common question.

First and foremost, members may teach the truth effectively by strict adherence to the teachings of the Gospel. Latter-day Saints who, in obedience to divine commandments, seek to keep their bodies pure and clean, reach out for mental improvement, and resolutely demand spiritual growth, become indeed, marked individuals. They are observed. By their actions they preach unconsciously sermons of righteousness. Thousands have come into the Church from such preaching. "Why don't you use tobacco?" said the stranger. "Because tobacco is injurious to the body, and I must not hurt the body, which is the home of an eternal spirit," answered the member. No more was said; but thoughts were awakened, and in time the questioner, having discovered truth, requested baptism.

Members may also advance the latter-day cause by whole-hearted support of the regular missionaries. These men, clean and zealous, are usually young and inexperienced. They have to meet much opposition and many temptations. Missionaries are under strict regulations in the mission field. They must be industrious the day long, in study, tracting and other duties; they must refrain from many innocent amusements, such as dancing; they must keep women at arm's length, that is, they must not call women by their first names, or be alone with them, or touch them except to shake hands with them; they must economize their

precious time, and be prompt and often brief in their visits and calls; they must rotate their visits among members and have no favourites; and they must care for their health by undeviating adherence to the Word of Wisdom, the use of plain foods, and early retiring hours. Such a program, requiring much self-control, is not always easy to carry out. The friendly word from a member, encouraging the missionary to observe all mission requirements, will cheer his life and give him strength. No member will tempt a missionary to break any mission rule. Such cooperation helps to preach the Gospel, for convincing power accompanies the Elder who obeys mission regulations willingly and to the letter.

Direct, efficient missionary work may also be done by members. Tracting is a kind of service that all, whether young or old, may do. A few hours a week devoted to tracting if those who seem interested are followed up may lead to valued friendships and often to conversions. Every Branch should have an active Tracting Society. Local members of the Church are effective missionaries. Tracting does not always need to be done from door to door. Public gathering places, streets, markets and shops, parks and public institutions offer excellent opportunities for proselyting.

A high type of missionary work, done best by members, is to invite, wisely, yet courageously, friends and acquaintances to attend our Sunday or week-day meetings. "Every member bring a friend" is a good clarion call. Those who attend our services can only be uplifted by the singing and speaking. We can proudly invite all to our regular spiritual feasts in our clean though perhaps humble halls.

It might be well, also, for members in the missions to think more seriously about a period of regular, full-time missionary work. The Lord will surely add His blessings to the efforts of any local member who spends a few months or a year or two in active missionary labour. Many members with meagre incomes are blessed to keep sons on missions. Our message is to the world. The labourers are few in proportion to the task. Those who feel themselves impelled to a period of regular missionary service could well address their district or mission president. Some of Zion's greatest leaders were local missionaries before leaving their native lands.

Here, then, are some opportunities for members to help spread the truth of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ: Live the Gospel; encourage the regular missionaries to obey all mission requirements; engage in tracting; bring friends to our meetings; and seek to provide means and time for a period of full missionary service.

There are few joys comparable to that of teaching the plan of salvation.

And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father!

The Gospel gives us much; but to enjoy it completely it requires that we give, also. Fulness of Gospel joy comes only as all our thoughts and actions are directed by the conception that the plan of salvation is intended for all. Our debt to the Lord, for His gift of truth, can best be paid, after obedience to Gospel requirements, by bearing witness to others of the truth, beauty and joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.—W.

KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS HONESTLY

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Remember, the Prophet was engaged in the translation of the Book of Mormon at this time.

Behold, this is your work, to keep my commandments, yea, with all your might, mind, and strength,

Seek not to declare my word, but first seek to obtain my word, and then shall your tongue be loosed; then, if you desire, you shall have my Spirit and my word, yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men;

But now hold your peace; study my word which hath gone forth among the children of men, and also study my word which shall come forth among the children of men, or that which is now translating, yea, until you have obtained all which I shall grant unto the children of men in this generation, and then shall all things be added thereto.

Behold thou art Hyrum, my son; seek the kingdom of God, and all things shall be added according to that which is just.

Build upon my rock, which is my gospel;

Deny not the spirit of revelation, nor the spirit of prophecy, for wo unto him that denieth these things;

Therefore, treasure up in your heart until the time which is in my wisdom that you shall go forth.

Behold, I speak unto all who have good desires, and have thrust in their sickle to reap.

Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I am the life and the light of the world.

I am the same who came unto mine own and mine own received me not;

But verily, verily, I say unto you, that as many as receive me, to them will I give power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on my name. Amen.

MISSIONARY SERVICE REWARDED

This "marvelous work and a wonder" has come to pass and has spread all over the world wherever there has been religious liberty; and from every land and from every clime honest, faithful, God-fearing men and women have heard the sound of the true voice of the Shepherd through His servants who have gone forth to pro-

claim the Gospel. And men of great influence have been gathered into this Church. Men like John Taylor, who presided over the Church, heard the Gospel in a foreign land; the parents of George Q. Cannon, and many other leaders in this Church, heard the sound of this Gospel and embraced it and gathered to Zion and laboured with all the power and ability that they possessed for the advancement of God's kingdom. Year by year this great and wonderful work has rolled on and we are becoming known as a God-fearing people, as a people with a destiny that is sure to be fulfilled.

I thank God for a knowledge that He lives, that Jesus is the Christ, the Saviour of the world, and that Joseph Smith was His prophet. I rejoice in the knowledge that we are being blessed of Almighty God and being led by the inspiration of His Spirit in all of our labours. May God inspire all who shall speak here during this conference; may we go home carrying the message of life and salvation under the inspiration of the Spirit of the living God that is poured out upon this occasion during this conference, is my humble prayer, and I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

NEW MISSION ORGANIZED

President Grant, in closing remarks, said it was omitted from his report in the opening session that Elder John A. Widtsoe has organized a new mission, the Czecho-Slovakian, with Elder Arthur Gaeth as president.

TEMPLE WORK

ELDER WESTON N. NORDGREN

ELIJAH, who held the sealing powers of the Priesthood, and whose mission it was to "turn the hearts of the children to the fathers," has come. He "fulfilled his mission on the 3rd day of April, 1836," when he appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the Kirtland Temple and bestowed upon them the rights, keys and powers to "seal on earth and in heaven"—special keys governing the rites of marriage for time and eternity, for sealing children to parents, and to seal the living generations to the dead, in the House of the Lord.

"Baptism, essentially baptism for the dead," is performed in the temples. Those who would have accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ in earthly life, had they been privileged so to do, are baptized for by proxy—a living person enters the water and is baptized by immersion for the remission of sins, by one having authority, in behalf of the person who is dead. Baptisms of the

living, who act for themselves, are also performed. Ordinations to the Priesthood in behalf of the dead, and endowment work—instruction, the giving and sealing of blessings—for both the living and the dead are performed.

“No jot, iota, or tittle of the temple rites is otherwise than uplifting and sanctifying. In every detail the endowment ceremony contributes to covenants of morality of life, consecration of person to high ideals, devotion to truth, patriotism to nation, and allegiance to God. The blessings of the House of the Lord are restricted to no privileged class; every member of the Church may have admission to the temple with the right to participate in the ordinances thereof, if he comes duly accredited as of worthy life and conduct.”

Marriages for time and eternity, under the authority of God, are solemnized in the temples; persons are sealed in the holy bonds of matrimony after having procured the proper civil license. A temple marriage lasts forever, whereas a civil marriage lasts only for the duration of mortality.

Other ordinances performed in the temples are to mite for eternity husbands and wives who have previously been legally mited for time by the civil law of the land; to seal to parents for eternity, children born to them under the temporal civil marriage contract; to seal father and mother, children to parents, for those who have died, when these relationships can be definitely established. In most cases, descendants of the dead persons officiate for them; where temple work is desired by people living outside of temple districts, other temple workers do the work for the dead.

Thus, the requisite ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are administered to the living, in person, and to the dead, vicariously. The opportunity of salvation is thus offered to all mankind, whether in this life or in the spirit world.

Provision is made in this manner that all “may not perish, but have everlasting lasting life.”

THE FIRST CZECH TRACT

[THE new Czecho-Slovak Mission was opened in Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, on July 24th, 1929. The following is the first tract translated into the Czech language; on the reverse side of the tract appears the “Articles of Faith,” also in the Czech language.—EDITOR *M. S.*]

INVESTIGATION WILL REVEAL

That the young man who presented this leaflet has a message of vital interest to the whole world. This message is presented to the people of this country who love liberty, righteousness, and personal freedom of thought and action, with the assurance that it will receive due consideration.

That he is giving two to three years of his life without pecuniary compensation to the teaching of this message, because he knows that it is a priceless gift that will enrich human life beyond measure; and because he desires to help mankind.

That he is a missionary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, sometimes called the "Mormon" Church, and that he is affording you the opportunity of hearing its doctrines.

That this Church was organized humbly through revelation from God one hundred years ago, but that it has grown to occupy a position of great prominence in the world. It has built cities and conquered deserts and brought contentment to its many members in all parts of the world. The Church has often chosen heavy sacrifices in order that its members might exercise, unmolested, liberty and personal freedom of thought.

That this Church has a practical as well as a spiritual philosophy of life, which will save the body as well as the soul, and make accessible to mankind the comforts of life, and a sweetness and an enrichment of body, mind and soul.

That upon this Church has been placed the divine obligation of presenting to every person the opportunity of enjoying the possibilities of the eternal plan of life. Therefore it has in the world, to-day, two thousand five hundred young men, such as the one who presented this leaflet, who are bearing this message of life to all peoples, for everyone must have the opportunity of hearing it.

That the force which moves this people to great accomplishments, and stirs the hearts of these young men to proclaim their message to all the world, is the Gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by Him during His life, and restored in this day through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, the Prophet. These people accept Christ's doctrines without change and live them.

That the articles on the other side summarize briefly the doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

(Space for place of meeting or address of headquarters).

MAYAN STONE HIGHWAYS

[RECENTLY Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh flew over the jungles of northern Central America and Mexico, seeking ancient ruins—from the air! The discoveries of ancient Mayan cities, roads, temples and other ruins, are of interest to Latter-day Saints in connection with the story of the Book of Mormon. Herewith is presented an extract from the *Science Supplement*, concerning ancient stone roads.—EDITOR M. S.]

By some such method the stone highways which the Mayas built to connect their important cities can probably be traced.

It is only a few years ago that the existence of these smooth stone roads, thirty to sixty feet wide, was discovered. Dr.

Thomas Gann, who found sections of the roads in the forest near Coba, concluded that the Mayas could not have needed such highways for traffic, since they had no wagons or beasts of burden and since they would have found dirt roads suitable for their long journeys. The roads, he believes, must have been labouriously constructed over long distances between religious centres for use by the religious processions of priests, votaries and sacrificial victims.

One highway for which search will be made is the road which Dr. Gann believes must have stretched from Coba to Cozumel Island to which the Mayas made religious pilgrimages. Another may have led from Coba to Chichen Itza, famed religious city, sacred to the deity known as the Plumed Serpent.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THROUGH the aid of the Town Council, permission was granted to hold the Newcastle District Conference in the Victoria Alexandra Town Hall, Sunderland, on Sunday, October 20th.

President A. William Lund and Sister Josephine B. Lund, and the following traveling missionaries were in attendance: President Weston R. Clark, Elders G. Ronald Carter, Wendell V. Bramwell, Alma R. Wakeling, Robert L. Bradford, Ralph S. Olpin, A. Fenton Smith, Eldon P. Darley, Merlin L. Hamilton, Virgil J. Smith, Harding H. Higham, Ural Sheppick, Colin M. Edward, Lorin Daniels, Newcastle District; Elder Harold H. Blackmore, Hull; Elder Alton A. Linford, London; Elder Rulon S. Scoville, Sheffield; President William F. McKelvey, Elders Allen T. Wells, Reese R. Parker, Harold K. Richmond and LeRoi G. Barclay, Scottish.

The "Restoration of the Priesthood" and other Church teachings were explained to the largest audience assembled here for many years in a "Mormon" conference. Five valuable meetings were held through the day, all of which were attended by the Spirit of the Lord and which were very successful. Pictures and favourable articles were published in the local newspapers on the following day. Great progress has come to the Newcastle District within the past six months.

G. RONALD CARTER, District Clerk

RELIEF SOCIETY MEMBER: "Well, Sister, I have just had the pleasure of a visit from the locust Elders."

Second Member: "You mean, the local Elders."

Relief Society Member: "No, the locust Elders—the kind that swoop down on you and eat everything in sight."

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Arrivals and Assignments: The following missionaries for the British Mission arrived at Liverpool aboard the *Duchess of Bedford*, on October 18th; they have been thus assigned: Junius E. Driggs, Phoenix, Arizona, to the London District; LeRoy Williams Duncan, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Norwich District; Karl Connell Durham, Long Beach, California, to the Birmingham District; Elias Arnold Goff, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Leeds District; Albert W. Horman, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Welsh District; Lewis A. Phelps, Mesa, Arizona, to the Scottish District; Gordon Brinton Taylor, Rexburg, Idaho, to the Birmingham District; George Dwight Wakefield, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the London District.

Doings in the Districts: *Newcastle*—At a baptismal service held in the Latter-day Saints' Chapel, Sunderland, on October 19th, nine persons were baptized by President Weston R. Clark and Elder Robert L. Bradford, and were confirmed the same day by traveling Elders of the Newcastle District.

Scottish—At a baptismal service held at the Gorbals Baths, Glasgow, on Saturday, October 12th, three persons were baptized by President William F. McKelvey and Elder Reese R. Parker; confirmations were given by President McKelvey, Elders Harold K. Richmond and Allen T. Wells.

Welsh—At a baptismal held at Goytre, Monmouthshire, Wales, on October 19th, one person was baptized by President Iver L. Larsen, and confirmed by Elder Louis W. Sanders.

Branch Conferences: Of the Belfast Branch, Ulster District, held on Sunday, October 13th. The "Restoration" was the theme dealt with in the morning session. Many interested investigators were in attendance.

Of the Cardiff Branch, Welsh District, held on October 20th. The following missionaries were speakers of the day: President Iver L. Larsen, Elders Justin B. Lillywhite and Lowell R. Rich.

Of the Dudley Port Branch, Birmingham District, held on Sunday, October 20th. The first meeting room in Dudley Port was opened on this date, and the Saints rejoiced greatly. "The Harvest of Souls," was the theme of conference. In addition to the members, at the evening meeting over fifty investigators heard the Gospel explained by President Edward L. Blacker, Elders John W. Southwick, Gordon B. Taylor and Karl C. Durham.

Of the Gainsboro Branch, Hull District, held on October 20th. The "Need" and "Results" of the Restoration of the Gospel were ably portrayed in each session of the conference. President Paul C. Layton, Elders Leo V. Toombs, Glen S. Barton and Harold A. Thorne were in attendance.

Of the Leicester Branch, Nottingham District, held on September 29th. Seventy-five people packed the humble little meeting-room of the Leicester Saints. A festive air of harvest added to the joyousness of the occasion. On the Monday following, a sale of harvest fruits was held, the proceeds to be used for Branch upkeep.

Of the Norwich Branch, Norwich District, held on Sunday, October 6th. A Harvest Festival held in connection with the conference added to the spirit of the day. At an M. I. A. social given Monday evening, the harvest products were sold.

Of the Pontypool Branch, Welsh District, held on Sunday, October 13th, at Varteg. Speakers of the day were President Iver L. Larsen, Elder Lester H. Jones and Branch President Richard C. Thomas. Sister Elsie Vale sang a solo.

Of the Preston Branch, Liverpool District, held on October 20th, at Bradshaw's Mission Hall, Preston. This was the first conference held in Preston for many years, although it is the place in which "Mormonism" was first preached in England. "The Restoration of the Gospel" was the theme of the day. Missionaries in attendance were President Joseph S. Savage, Elders Clarence V. Bigler, Spencer A. Harris and Earl B. Cragun.

Of the Scunthorpe Branch, Hull District, held on Sunday, October 6th. The "Restoration of the Gospel" theme was portrayed through the day. In attendance were President Paul C. Layton, Elders Harold H. Blackmore and George E. Knight.

Of the Sheffield Branch, Sheffield District, held on September 29th. The parable of the "Good Samaritan" was discussed by a class of Sunday School members. President John P. Hopkinson, Elders William D. Callister, Raymond H. Swenson, Edward E. Morgan, Edwin R. Jones and Allan M. Acomb attended.

Of the St. Albans and Watford Branches, London District, held on September 29th. A feeling of good-will marked the day, contributing to the enjoyment of both Saints and friends. Missionaries in attendance were President John L. Clarke, Elders Richard K. Knight, Eugene Romney, David H. Huish and Myron D. Bitton.

Of the West London Branch, London District, held on October 13th. A spirit of unity and love was present. President John L. Clarke, Elders Richard K. Knight, Harold B. Rowell and James B. Harvey spoke during the day.

Of the Wolverhampton Branch, Birmingham District, held on October 13th. "The Attributes of a Perfect Life" were discussed. Speakers of the day were President Edward L. Blacker, Elders John W. Southwick, William E. Egbert and Frank S. Campbell.

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